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Straight from the Island of Oahu – The Polynesian Cultural Center Brings Traveling Version of *Ha: Breath of Life* to Utah July 25 – 26

WHAT: The Utah Cultural Celebration Center proudly presents the one-hour traveling version of the Polynesian Cultural Center's latest production *Ha: Breath of Life*. Rich in culture, the production includes three-time World Fireknife Champion, David Galeai – an audience favorite. The award-winning show features original musical compositions and dance choreography from New Zealand, Hawaii, Fiji, Samoa, Tahiti and Tonga. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2013, the PCC is Hawaii's #1 paid tourist attraction since 1963.

WHEN: Thursday, July 25
Gates open at 7:30
Ha: Breath of Life at 8:00 p.m.

Friday, July 26
Gates open at 7:30
Ha: Breath of Life at 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Utah Cultural Celebration Center
Outdoor Amphitheater
1355 West 3100 South
West Valley City, Utah 84119

TICKETS: \$10

Tickets may be purchased online at <https://uccc.webconnex.com/PCC> Everyone must have a ticket for admission.



STORY: This is every man's story, told through the life of a Polynesian man named Mana. Journey along with young Mana as he is born out of the turmoil of a capsized canoe, washed upon the shores of life to find his way. He and his parents find refuge in Tonga and learn the importance of community. Little Mana celebrates his early years of life in Hawai'i with the customary birthday lū'au marking his survival in the world. We next see Mana as a young boy in Aotearoa, or New Zealand, where he is growing and becoming a young man. As he comes upon a beautiful maiden named Lani in Samoa, he learns about falling in love and earning the acceptance of her family. With love comes marriage and soon Mana and Lani are taking their vows in the romantic setting of Tahiti. War touches their lives in Fiji and Mana is saddened by the death of his father. The story begins again with the celebration of life as Mana and Lani welcome their new baby into the world.

PCC FACTS:

- The PCC will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year
- In 2009 the PCC launched an incredible new \$3 million night show in Hawaii, "Ha, Breath of Life," featuring more than 100 Polynesian performers.
- The PCC will perform at the Cultural Center two days only (July 25 and 26) giving the public an inside look at the award-winning night show.
- Since 1963, the PCC has entertained more than 36 million visitors while preserving and portraying the culture, arts and crafts of Polynesia.
- As a non-profit organization, 100 percent of PCC's revenue is used for daily operations and to support education.
- For more info, visit www.polynesia.com or www.habreathoflife.com.

For more information about this and other exhibits or events at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, please call 801-965-5100 or visit www.culturalcelebration.org, 'like' us on facebook at facebook.com/CulturalCelebration or follow us on twitter @WVCUCCC.

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